

Dear Colleagues,

On March 6, 2017, President Trump issued a new Executive Order (EO) titled [*Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*](#). The EO suspends entry into the United States of individuals from six countries, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, for 90 days. It revokes the previous EO issued on January 27, 2017, and makes changes to the previous EO's restrictions on visa applications, travel and entry. The new EO will take effect on March 16, 2017.

The University of California Office of the President has issued a [statement](#) giving more detail and guidance concerning the new EO.

The new EO applies only to individuals from the six countries who are outside the United States on the effective date of the order, who did not have a valid visa at 5:00 p.m. EST on January 27, 2017, and do not have a valid visa on the effective date of the order.

The EO provides for exceptions from the visa and entry restrictions for individuals from the six designated countries who are in certain groups, including any lawful permanent resident of the U.S., any dual national of a designated country traveling on a passport from a non-designated country, any individual who has a valid travel document other than a visa, such as an advance parole document, and any individual who has been granted asylum or refugee status.

The EO provides for waivers of the visa and entry restrictions on a case-by-case basis for affected individuals, after review by officials within the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State. The official may authorize the issuance of a visa to, or to permit the entry of, an individual if the person has demonstrated "that denying entry during the suspension period would cause undue hardship, and that his or her entry would not pose a threat to national security and would be in the national interest." The EO suggests circumstances for which a waiver would be appropriate, including having significant business or professional obligations, wanting to visit a family member who is a citizen, permanent resident or temporary status holder, having a need for urgent medical care, and traveling as a U.S. Government sponsored exchange visitor.

The Dashew Center strongly recommends that individuals from the six designated countries to consult our office before leaving the U.S. We may recommend consultation with an immigration attorney in more complex cases such as questions about whether an individual's nationality, country of birth, country of residence, or travel history would

make him/her subject to the EO, or for questions about any possible relief from the consequences of the EO.

Further detail is provided in [10 Things to Know About President Trump's New Travel Ban](#), a post on the website of Wolfsdorf Rosenthal, LLP, an immigration firm that the Dashew Center works closely with.

The Dashew Center will continue to serve and advocate for the international community at UCLA and will send information about important updates through our email listserv.

If you have any questions or concerns about your status in the U.S., please do not hesitate to contact us at 310-825-1681.

Sincerely,

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